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NATIONAL TELECOM POLICY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have implemented all the provisions of National Telecom Policy, 1999 including introduction of multiple operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c): The process of implementation of the National Telecom Policy`99 (NTP`99) is an ongoing one and the implementation status of NTP`99 is being continuously monitored. Some aspects have already been implemented. Some of these are as follows :

Existing licensees for Basic and Cellular Services were offered migration to NTP`99regime under the migration package and all the existing licensees have since complied with the condition of migration package. The existing Cellular Mobile Service Providers (CMSPs) have also been given provisional permission for sharing of infrastructure with another Cellular Mobile Service Provider and any other telecom service provider in their area of operation. Permission for direct interconnectivity between licensed CMSPs and another telecom service provider including another CMSPs in the same service area for terminating traffic has also been granted provisionally. Existing CMSPs have also been permitted to provide mobile public telephones in the situation of inherent mobility by buses, trains/running taxies etc. Department of Telecom Operations and MTNL have also been granted licences for the operation of Cellular Mobile Services in the country.

Internet Service Providers (ISPs) andVSAT Service Providers are being issued licenses on non-exclusive basis and multiple operators are permitted.

Regarding Restructuring of the Department of Telecom, Government has already appointed a consultant for assisting and advising the DoT on corporatisation of DTS.

(b) The department plans to fully computerise all branches in the following post offices in West Bengal during 2000-2001:-

(i) Alipore Head Post Office

(ii) Burdwan `

(iii) Cossipore `

(iv) Midnapur `

(v) Purulia `

(vi) Serampore `

(vii) Tollygunge `

A total of 139 computers will be installed at these post offices including 7 servers in a network environment.

The funds allocated for the above computerisation are Rs. 84.4 laks.

(c) The facilities are likely to be provided by April, 2001.

(d) The number of computerised post offices in the State at present district-wise are given in the Annexure.